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To Members of the Labor Committee:

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I am writing to voice my opposition to HB-6187, which would require Connecticut employers to provide paid sick leave. Clearly, the timing of such a mandate is inappropriate, paid sick days and paid family leave nationwide for many businesses is colliding head-on with the worst economic crisis in decades.

As a small employer, Collinsville Savings Society prides itself in the attractive benefits package it already offers its current and potential employees. This proposal will substantially increase our business costs and could force us to reevaluate the other benefits we provide our employees.

I urge you to reject this proposal and work with the business community to control labor and workplace costs in Connecticut. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dennis T. Cardello

President